

SENATE BILL

No. 6

Introduced by Senator Speier

August 21, 2006

An act to add Section 3409.6 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 6, as introduced, Speier. Corrections: female inmates: community facilities.

Existing law charges the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with the custody of California inmates.

This bill would authorize the department to enter into contracts with public or private entities for the purpose of housing nonviolent female inmates in community facilities, as specified. The bill would require the facilities with which the department contracts to provide wrap-around services for the female inmates.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3409.6 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 3409.6. (a) The Department of Corrections and
4 Rehabilitation is authorized to enter into one- to five-year
5 contracts with public or private entities for purposes of housing
6 nonviolent female inmates in community treatment facilities. The
7 treatment facilities shall be no larger than 200 beds per facility

1 and the facilities shall be situated throughout the state in an effort
2 to promote family involvement.

3 (b) The facilities with which the department enters into
4 contracts pursuant to subdivision (a) shall provide “wrap-around”
5 services designed specifically for female inmates, including, but
6 not limited to, educational, vocational and work programs,
7 parenting and life skills, medical care, substance abuse and
8 trauma treatment programs, and prerelease planning to promote
9 successful reentry into society.

10 (c) All custody responsibilities for the inmates housed in these
11 facilities shall be provided by department personnel.

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